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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am a high school teacher in the city of Fremont, Alameda County, California, and am now in the process of preparing a course on communism. This course is to be offered to the students of the Washington High School District.

The fact that there had been no attempt made in the past to inform the young people of this district about the dangers of communism has disturbed me for a long time. Therefore, I contacted our District Superintendent, Mr. W. A. Koller, personally and asked him if he would consider including a course on Communism in the District Curriculum. He said he would be very happy to do so and instructed me to go about setting up such a course.

Realizing that the scope of your knowledge on this subject must be very broad, I would deeply appreciate any suggestions you might have regarding the aforementioned course. I am listing below some specific questions which I have:

1. Would you recommend teaching a course on communism to high school students?
2. What in your judgment would be the dangers (if any) in presenting such a course to high school students, and what are your views on such a course?
3. What aspects of communism would you include in such a course?
4. What materials would you recommend, i.e., books, pamphlets, tapes, slide films, recordings, motion pictures, radio and television programs, etc.?